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THE SELECTMEN & TREASURER,

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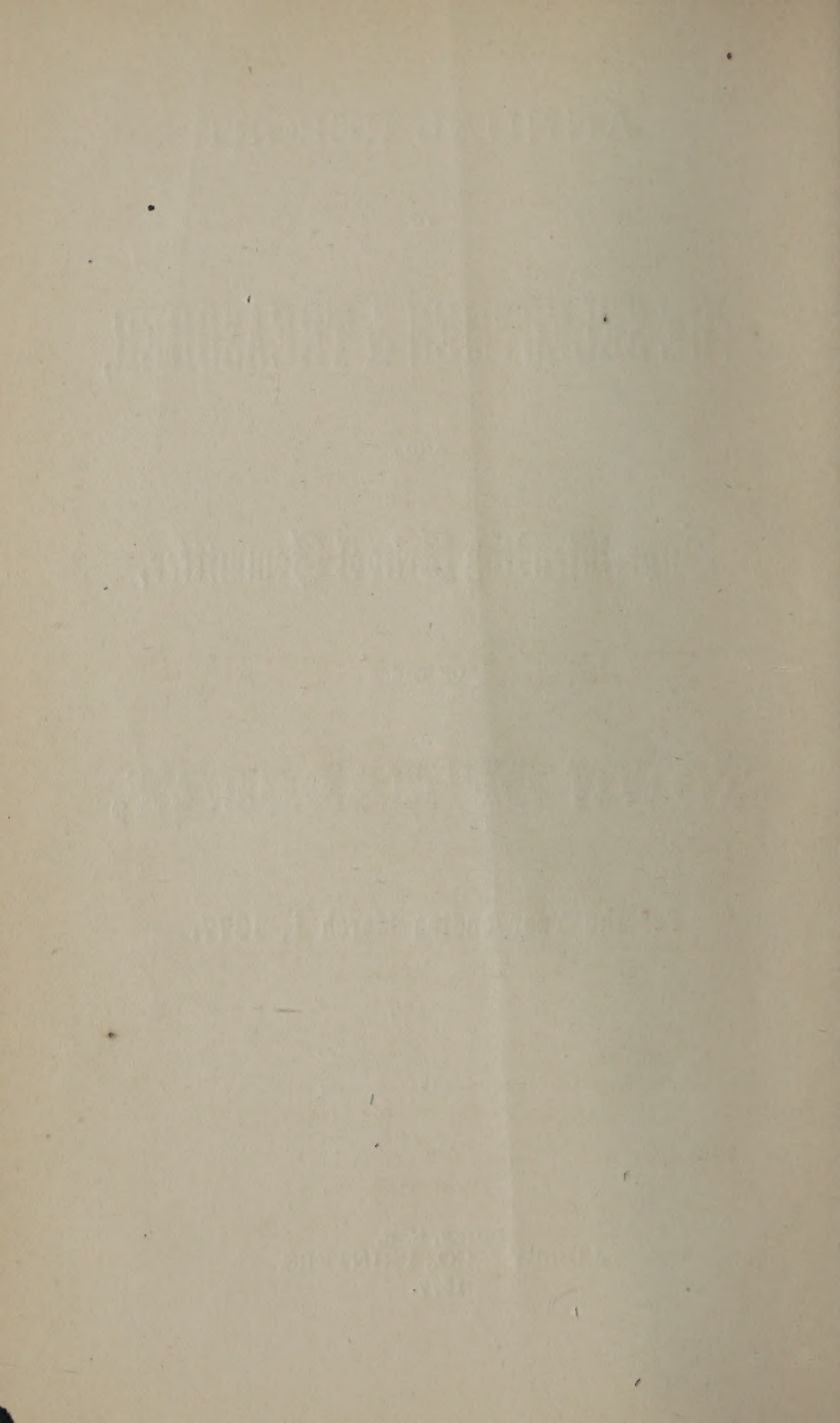
Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF MADBURY,

For the Year ending March 1, 1877:

DOVER, N. H.
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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES FOR 1876.

SCHOOLS.

Paid Jonathan Jenkins, Pru. Com., Dist No 1,	\$81.18
Jacob W. Miles, " " 2,	243.75
Alonzo D. Nute, " " 3,	133.68
James J. Griffin " " 4,	160.72
Hayes and Hills proportion of School Money to Treasurer of City of Dover	17.58
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	\$636.91
State Tax	\$616.00
County Tax,	\$600.57

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid J. D. Young, Town Treasurer,	\$10.00
" Selectman,	25.00
C. E. Demerritt, "	25.00
David H. Evans, "	25.00
Geo. W. Kelley, Town Clerk,	10.00

Paid C R Meserve,	Collector,	30.00
A. B. Tallant,	S. S. Committee,	14.00
Asa Young, Supt. of Town Hall,		2.00
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		\$141.00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid C L Huckins for support of Frank Cole one year up to March 1, 1877,	\$65.00
Ira A Locke for support of John and Ellen Church, one year up to March 1, 1877,	78.00
Geo A Reynolds for one pair of boots for Saml Brown in April last,	3.50
Ephraim H. Whitehouse for supplies furnished Sam'l Brown in April last,	9.84
J D Young one day in Dover on pauper busi- ness and settle with County Commissioners,	2.00
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\$158.34	

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES.

Paid Chas. F. Hall, work on road,	1.65
Dennis McNalley "	1.00
John W Cole "	2.25
Jeremy B. Towle, work on Hill Bride,	12.00
J. D. Young for team to work on road in April last,	3.15
" " " Canney Bridge,	5.65
Jos. S. Abbott for derrick and work on Hill Bridge,	42.50
Daniel Twombly work on road,	2.10
Jas J Griffin, work and lumber on Canney Bridge	31.50
Jas F Griffin for 7 days work on Canney Bridge,	10.50
John H. Griffin 7 " "	10.50
Albert Twombly, work on road	1.67
Chas. R. Meserve work on Gerrish Bridge,	41.26
Stephen Jenkins, work on road,	12.62
Geo F Rollins, iron for bolts for Canney bridge,	3.58
Mrs. Kingman for lumber for Gerrish "	9.26
Daniel Twombly, hewing timber for Gerrish bridge,	1.50
" " " Canney "	2.25
William Davis, 1385 ft of lumber for " "	16.63
Tobias Cole, work on road,	9.75
Tobias Cole, Jr, work on road,	1.05
David B Hayes, work on Gerrish bridge,	4.00
Chas. W. Hayes, plank for Gerrish bridge,	3.99
John W Hartford, making bolts for Canney Bridge,	3.01
David H Evans, work on Gerrish bridge,	15.00

Paid Chas E. Demerritt, work on Hill bridge,	12.75
A H Young, posts for Gerrish bridge,	2.62
R G Hayes, work on “	1.00
M F B Felker, work on “	6.00
Enoch Foss, work on Evans hill	1.00
A Morrison, work on road,	2.78
B F Hayes work on Gerrish bridge,	6.75
Catherine Gerrish, work on road,	21.11
John Smith, “	4.59
C H Gerrish, work on road,	6.85
G W Meserve, work on Gerrish bridge,	7.50
Jonathan Jenkins, plank for Johnson Creek bridge,	19.39
Albert Varney, braces for Gerrish bridge,	2.00
Augustus A Davis, work on road,	1.19
C L Huckins, 1550 sawn lumber for Canney bridge,	24.24
J D Young one day on road,	2.00
John W Emery, work on road	11.05
“ for 72 loads of gravel,	10.71
E L. Jenkins, railing Freshet bridge,	13.27
I P Church, work on Gerrish bridge,	6.00
A B Tallant, work on road,	5.85
J J Griffin, work on road in April last,	13.50
Thos W Fernald, work on Gerrish bridge,	1.00
John Hill, work on bridge near his house,	10.95
Chas E Jenkins, work on road,	1.27

\$443.74

BREAKING ROADS.

Dist No 1 Jona Jenkins, Surveyor,	\$21.00
“ 2 E L Jenkins “	51.00
“ 3 C E Demerritt “	44.40
“ 4 Chas Henderson “	12.01
“ 5 Ivory H Kelley “	19.50
“ 6 E E Demerritt “	15.45
“ 8 N C Snell “	34.50
“ 9 Albert Varney “	83.09
“ 10 Chas R Meserve “	37.12
“ 11 & 13 Jas J Griffin “	62.88
“ 12 Wm. S Hayes “	26.19
“ 14 John R Young “	52.20

BREAKING AFTER BOOKS WERE CLOSED LAST YEAR.

Chas. E. Demerritt	11.85
E Pendexter	6.00

Paid A Morrison	2 70
N C Snell	5.70
C R Meserve	7.95
Jas J Griffin	22.60
Geo W. Bodge	2.55
John R. Young	14.56
John Swallow	1.20

\$535.38

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid E J Lane for inventory books, surveyors and collectors books and stationery,	5.96
Sam'l N Robinson, keeping 2 poor persons all night,	1.25
Libby & Co, printing town accounts for 1876	15.00
P. O. box and postage,	2.48
Selectmen, for returning inventory of 1875, 1876 and appraisal of Fall of 1875 to Sec of State,	6.00
also for copies of said inventories to Com of State Boards of Assessors	6.00
Chas E Demerritt one day at Dover at meeting of Strafford County assessors,	2.00
J D Young, one day at Dover at meeting of Strafford county assessors,	2.00
J D Young for copy of inventories of 1868 and 1872 to com. on apportionment at Concord	3.00
J D Young, one day before said com. at Concord,	2.00
Geo W Kelley for recording marriages, deaths, births. and returns of enrollment of militia	6.00

\$51.69

ABATEMENTS.

Daniel Reynolds, poll tax,	.58
Daniel Morrison,	.98

\$1.56

DAMAGE BY DOGS 1875.

Paid George W Meserve for one sheep killed,	\$4.75
John H Kelley " "	5.00
Alonzo D Nute two "	10.00

\$19.75

DAMAGE BY DOGS IN 1876.

Paid William J Sanders two lambs killed and two sheep wounded,	\$8.00
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Paid Gilman D Towle for one sheep killed,	3.00
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	\$11.00

REPAIRING TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Daniel Emerson for painting,	\$30.00
Hayes Brothers for paint,	45.74
David H Evans for paint and oil,	7.30
“ “ lumber,	2.00
“ “ rails, posts, and setting,	10.00
“ “ labor on town house,	2.50
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	\$97.54

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCT. WITH TREASURER,
CREDIT.

By cash in Treasury 1876,	\$1056.82
County, Town, School and Dog tax,	1360.78
Highway tax,	863.37
Savings Bank tax,	665.45
Rail road tax,	70.17
Literary fund,	43.65
Literary “ interest from S Jenkins,	12.42
County for support of County paupers,	87.84
A Young for rent of town house,	1.70
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	\$4162.20

TOWN OF MADBURY IN ACCT. WITH TREASURER,
DEBTOR.

Paid to schools,	\$636.91
State tax,	616.00
County tax,	600.57
Saleries of town officers,	141.00
Support of poor,	158.34
Highways and bridges,	443.74
Breaking roads,	535.38
Miscellaneous bills,	51.69
Abatements,	1.56
Damage by dogs 1875,	19.75
“ “ 1876,	11.00
Repairs on town house,	97.54
Highway tax worked out,	823.54

Paid Auditors,	2.00
In Treasury,	23.18

 \$4162.20

JACOB D YOUNG, Treasurer.

JACOB D. YOUNG,	}	Selectmen of Madbury.
CHARLES E. DEMERITT,		
DAVID H. EVANS,		

We the undersigned, certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the town treasurer, and find them correctly cast, and all payments charged against the town properly vouched.

Madbury, March 3, 1877.

JOHN B. HUCKINS,	}	Auditors.
ALBERT VARNEY,		

Cash in treasury March 1, 1877, including dog tax,	\$23.18
Outstanding in Charles W Hayes' list for 1872,	6.75
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	\$29.95

OUTSTANDING BILLS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Aaron W Canney for breaking roads,	\$14.25
Gilman Clough & Co for lumber,	10.08
Samuel Gerrish for building culvert,	12.00
John C Hanson surveyor for Dist. No. 7,	25.35
Harrison Hanson for breaking roads,	5.95
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	\$67.63

SCHOOL MONEY.

School money raised by the town,	\$539.00
Literary fund,	43.65
Interest from S Jenkins,	12.42
Dog appropriated,	41.84
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	\$636.91
32 dogs taxed in 1876,	\$34.00

JACOB D. YOUNG,	}	Selectmen of Madbury.
CHARLES E. DEMERITT,		
DAVID H. EVANS,		

SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of the Superintending School Committee:

To the Citizens of Madbury the following report is respectfully submitted.

With regard to the state of the schools the present year, I think they compare favorably with former years, so far as I can judge from a partial examination of registers and reports lodged in the town clerk's office for the last twenty years. I should feel at liberty to speak more definitely had I found time to have examined them more carefully.

The teachers bore a fair examination and generally succeeded well in their schools. As is generally the case some excelled others in qualifications, having had better opportunities for preparation, or longer experience in teaching, or possessing greater natural energy, or having a larger share of tact.

I must be excused from attempting to draw intellectual, acquired or administrative portraits of individuals, lest they should prove not quite truthful or create invidious distinctions. If any young lady thinks she belongs to the number that excels, I hope she will ever bear the consciousness of it with commendable meekness. If any young lady has any misgivings in respect to her ability or success, let her consider that what has been done well can be done again; repeated trials will gain the victory.

Four different female teachers have been employed during the year and three males, and in every case I believe the females have succeeded as well or better than males could have

done. The schools are backward and must be until our school terms are as long again as they have been the present year. Would it not be wise now for the town to take a "new departure" in respect to the improvement in our schools? We think that being out of debt and with more than "one shot in the locker," we are holding out strong inducements to people to move into town for a home. Suppose now we begin to aim for the best system of common schools in the county. Will not here be another strong motive? With many it would be the strongest inducement. There has been a great improvement within the last ten or fifteen years, not only in the quality but the appearance of school books. The dingy spellers, readers and geographies from which the children of the last generation learned their lessons, assisted too frequently by the painful stimulus of the rod and ferule, have given way to attractive books which it is a pleasure to handle and to study from, while the new and scientific methods of imparting instruction, render the acquisition of knowledge a far less difficult task than it used to be, without loss of mental discipline.

Formerly the work of common schools was mainly confined to reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic. These are certainly the essentials, and were in some sense adequate to the times. Gradually other subjects have been introduced, such as geography, grammar, and to some extent, history. The tendency however has been to magnify arithmetic, and in many schools, it is the only subject which receives any serious attention. We often find scholars studying two arithmetics at once, as though the doing of *sums* were the chief end of existence. After one or two arithmetics have been largely memorized, algebra is sometimes taken up. This would be very well if geography, grammar, physiology and history could receive a proportionate amount of attention. The time however which can be given to school education is necessarily very limited, and it should be employed to the best possible advantage.

The conditions of our New Hampshire life are such, that our sons and daughters must, for the most part, train their physical powers in the kitchen, in the shop, or on the farm. In the winning of daily bread, strength and skill are acquired. This seems to be the plan of Providence. Without doubt the primary object to be secured by study is mental training; but a subject which yields discipline and at the same time stores the mind with useful knowledge, deserves, if not to be preferred, at least to be placed in the front rank. *History* gives discipline and knowledge. This being admitted, we are at once confronted with the question as to the practical value of this knowl-

edge. I answer it is eminently practical in the highest and best sense. It makes its possessor more intelligent, wiser, happier.

A knowledge of our history would do much to correct the present tendency to sensational and vulgar reading, by making our young people able to read and enjoy the best portions of our newspapers as well as books of real value, thus making them wiser and happier. It would also tend very strongly to promote virtue by early fixing in the mind great exemplifications of it; and virtue not only, but patriotism. To find examples of sterling virtue and lofty patriotism, our children need not be directed to the history of foreign lands, our own history is filled with them.

Admonished however, to be short in my report, I omit much that I should be pleased to communicate, perhaps reserving it to be presented in a different way at some future time

Most respectfully,

A. B. TALLANT.

Statistical Table, No. 1.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES,


J. JENKINS,

JACOB MILES,

ALONZO D. NUTE,

JAMES J. GRIFFIN,

	J. JENKINS		JACOB MILES		ALONZO D. NUTE		JAMES J. GRIFFIN	
No. of weeks first term,.....	10		10		7		8	
“ second “		8		10		12		11
“ Scholars first term,.....	10			30	13		24	
“ “ sec. “		10		23		10		25
No. between 5 and 15 ys. not att'g,....	1				1	6		2
No. of Scholars in Reading,.....	10	10	30	23	11	7	24	24
“ Spelling,.....	10	10	30	22	13	7	24	24
“ Penmanship,.....	7	7	20	6	8	8	9	13
“ Arithmetic,.....	5	8	26	23	9	8	18	20
“ Grammar,.....	1	1	11	12	1		6	8
“ Geography,.....	5	4	10	7	3			1
“ Book-Keeping,....				3				1
“ History,.....								3
“ Algebra,			2	3	2		4	3
“ Astronomy,.....				2				
“ Physical Geog.				2	2			
“ Latin,.....					2	2		
“ Rhetoric,.....				1	1	1		
“ Trigonometry &								
“ Land							1	
“ Surveying,								
“ Philosophy,.....								1

 Average Attendance for first term, 8, 22.9, 10 63-70, 20 12-13; second term, 9, 16 19-51, 7 47-120, 21 1-7.

Statistical Table, No. 2.

Whole Number of different Scholars,.....	88
Number of Boys,.....	43
Number of Girls,.....	45
Average wages of Male teachers per month, including board,.....	\$39.33
Average wages of Female teachers per month, including board,.....	\$31.00
Amount of money at the Annual meeting,.....	\$593.26
Amount of Literay Fund,.....	\$43.65

District,	Wages pr. wk. term 1	Wages pr. wk. term 2	No. of Weeks term 1	No. of Weeks term 2	Amount of Wages, Cost of each Scholar,
1	\$8.00	\$8.00	10	8	
2	8.00	12.50	10	10 2-5	\$2.10
3	7.00	7.00	7	12	1.33
4	8.00	10.00	8	11	1.74

TEACHERS.

District No.	1.	First term,	Lucy A. Stiles.
"	1.	Second "	"
"	1.	Third "	"
"	2.	First "	Mary E. Trickey.
"	2.	Second "	C. H. Trickey.
"	3.	First "	Nellie A. Hayes.
"	3.	Second "	G. W. Seavey.
"	4.	First "	Annie E. Gile.
"	4.	Second "	Chas. W. Hayes.

TEACHERS

1	First	Lucy A. Ellis
2	Second	"
3	Third	"
4	Fourth	"
5	Fifth	"
6	Sixth	"
7	Seventh	"
8	Eighth	"
9	Ninth	"
10	Tenth	"
11	Eleventh	"
12	Twelfth	"
13	Thirteenth	"
14	Fourteenth	"
15	Fifteenth	"
16	Sixteenth	"
17	Seventeenth	"
18	Eighteenth	"
19	Nineteenth	"
20	Twentieth	"
21	Twenty-first	"
22	Twenty-second	"
23	Twenty-third	"
24	Twenty-fourth	"
25	Twenty-fifth	"
26	Twenty-sixth	"
27	Twenty-seventh	"
28	Twenty-eighth	"
29	Twenty-ninth	"
30	Thirtieth	"
31	Thirty-first	"
32	Thirty-second	"
33	Thirty-third	"
34	Thirty-fourth	"
35	Thirty-fifth	"
36	Thirty-sixth	"
37	Thirty-seventh	"
38	Thirty-eighth	"
39	Thirty-ninth	"
40	Fortieth	"
41	Forty-first	"
42	Forty-second	"
43	Forty-third	"
44	Forty-fourth	"
45	Forty-fifth	"
46	Forty-sixth	"
47	Forty-seventh	"
48	Forty-eighth	"
49	Forty-ninth	"
50	Fiftieth	"
51	Fifty-first	"
52	Fifty-second	"
53	Fifty-third	"
54	Fifty-fourth	"
55	Fifty-fifth	"
56	Fifty-sixth	"
57	Fifty-seventh	"
58	Fifty-eighth	"
59	Fifty-ninth	"
60	Sixtieth	"
61	Sixty-first	"
62	Sixty-second	"
63	Sixty-third	"
64	Sixty-fourth	"
65	Sixty-fifth	"
66	Sixty-sixth	"
67	Sixty-seventh	"
68	Sixty-eighth	"
69	Sixty-ninth	"
70	Seventieth	"
71	Seventy-first	"
72	Seventy-second	"
73	Seventy-third	"
74	Seventy-fourth	"
75	Seventy-fifth	"
76	Seventy-sixth	"
77	Seventy-seventh	"
78	Seventy-eighth	"
79	Seventy-ninth	"
80	Eightieth	"
81	Eighty-first	"
82	Eighty-second	"
83	Eighty-third	"
84	Eighty-fourth	"
85	Eighty-fifth	"
86	Eighty-sixth	"
87	Eighty-seventh	"
88	Eighty-eighth	"
89	Eighty-ninth	"
90	Ninetieth	"
91	Ninety-first	"
92	Ninety-second	"
93	Ninety-third	"
94	Ninety-fourth	"
95	Ninety-fifth	"
96	Ninety-sixth	"
97	Ninety-seventh	"
98	Ninety-eighth	"
99	Ninety-ninth	"
100	Hundredth	"

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